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REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-58 of which claims 1 and 48 are independent claims. Claims 30, 33 and 55 have been amended. Claims 57 and 58 have been added. This response refers primarily to the independent claims. The patentability of the dependent claims follow at least for the reason of being dependent on an independent claim that is patentable. The applicants reserve the right to argue them later.

35 U.S.C. §112 REJECTIONS:

In paragraph 7, the Examiner states that claims 30 and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as lacking antecedent basis. Claim 30 has been amended to state "said user provided WWW page" in reference to claim 29. Claim 55 has been amended to state "said plurality of WWW pages" in reference to claim 50. These amendments make explicit what was previously implicit, the scope of the claims has not been changed.

Claim 33 has been amended to fix an obvious typographical error. The statement "a method acquiring to claim 32" has been amended to "a method according to claim 32". The Examiner did not object to this claim under 35 U.S.C. §112.

35 U.S.C. §102 REJECTIONS:

In paragraph 11, the Examiner states that claims 1-6, 25-29, 31-42, 44, 48-54 and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ryan et al. (US Patent No. 6,421,675.)

The applicants respectfully disagree. The Examiner has not shown a prima facie case of anticipation as required by MPEP §2143.03 since Ryan is missing at least one limitation of the claims. Independent claim 1 requires "**automatically generating at least one query for an Internet search tool for WWW pages that include links to at least one URL of said list of URLs**". As quoted by the Examiner in paragraph 12, Ryan describes searching through a database of links for web pages with specific keywords. Ryan does not teach or suggest **automatically generating** a query that uses the address of a URL. Ryan does not state that URLs can be handled like keywords and does not relate to issues differentiating between the two, for example dealing with different possible formats of an address and differentiating between use of an address as a link and other uses. Claim 48 requires "**determining at least one WWW page that includes links to at least one URL of said list of URLs but not to said provided at least one URL**".

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Ryan does not teach or suggest determining a web page that has a link to one URL but not to another.

35 U.S.C §103 REJECTIONS:

In paragraph 43, the Examiner states that claims 7, 10-23 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Ryan in view of Satyavolu et al. (US Patent No. 6,517,587.)


The applicants respectfully disagree. The Examiner has not shown a prima facie case of obviousness as required by MPEP §2143.03 since as explained above Ryan is missing elements of independent claim 1, which these claims depend upon and the missing elements are not supplied by Satyavolu. Additionally, claim 7, which these claims are dependent on, has the limitation "wherein said at least a single query does not differentiate which URL in said group is pointed to by the results of the search", this is in contradiction to Satyavolu that describes a data gathering and reporting system (abstract). If Satyavolu cannot point to the URL from which the data is gathered Satyavolu's system would be rendered useless for its intended purpose (MPEP §2143.01).

In paragraph 61, the Examiner states that claims 8, 9, 24 and 45-47 would be allowable in independent form. The applicants thank the Examiner for this indication.

Dependent claims 57 and 58 have been added to further define the invention.

In view of the above remarks and amendment, the applicants respectfully await an allowance. If the Examiner is unable to agree that the claims are all patentable, he is respectfully requested to contact Maier Fenster at toll free 1 (877) 428-5468. This number connects directly to our office in Israel. Please note that Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington and that our work week is Sunday-Thursday.

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